

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1023

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kristian A. Maples, 2010
Valedictorian of Gatlinburg-Pittman High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kristian A. Maples is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Kristian Maples has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Maples has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, as a result of her dedication to academic excellence, Kristian Maples was accepted into the University of Tennessee at Knoxville (UTK) Chancellor's Honors Program and was awarded a UTK Volunteer Scholarship, UTK Chancellor's Scholarship, Ned McWherter Scholarship, and a National Beta Club Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her commendable academic skills, Ms. Maples possesses strong leadership skills, which she has put to good use as the captain of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, business editor and editor of the yearbook staff, secretary of DECA, co-captain of the tennis team, vice president of the Interact Club, vice president of the student body, president of the Beta Club, and as a Girls' State delegate; and

WHEREAS, as a responsible citizen of her community, Kristian Maples has participated in a number of civic and community service endeavors, including the Franklin Graham Festival, which she served as a counselor; Government Day, which she served as Mock City Manager;

and the Food Ministry Project, a project she founded, which collects food for the Sevier County Food Ministry; and

WHEREAS, Kristian's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Kristian's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Maples's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2010 Gatlinburg-Pittman High School Valedictorian, Kristian A. Maples, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.